

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on March 10, 2003, has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Prior to this paper, claims 10-16 were pending in the present application. By this paper, Applicants cancel claim 14 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add claim 17 to the application. Therefore, claims 10-13 and 15-17 are now pending in the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance for the reasons that follow.

Interview of July 02, 2003 and Subsequent Telephone Interviews

Examiner Fiorilla is thanked for extending the courtesy of an interview to Applicants' representatives on July 02, 2003 and the subsequent telephone interviews on July 03 and July 07, where the above amendments to the application were discussed and it was agreed that the above claim amendments would be entered.

Power of Attorney

Applicants provide a copy of a signed Power of Attorney form attached to this response to permit the law firm of Foley and Lardner to prosecute the present application. However, Applicants request that all future correspondence concerning this application be sent to:

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Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Provisional Rejections

Claims 10-16 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of co-pending application number 09/962,526. In response, Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer along with this letter, and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections in view of the terminal disclaimer.

Rejection of Claims 10-16 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 10-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Office Action states that the specification is not enabling as to the materials as generally claimed. In order to advance prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 10 and 11 as seen above, and respectfully request reconsideration. Referring to the published application (US 2002/0037233), Applicants cite paragraphs 0025 through 0027 as providing a disclosure that enables one of ordinary skill in the art to practice the claimed invention and that makes clear that Applicants claim what they regarded as their invention.

Regarding claim 14, claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot.

New Claim 17

Applicants have added new claim 17 while canceling claim 14. Claim 17 is dependent from claim 10, and recites that a plurality of molds are formed from the same mold. Applicants respectfully request entry of this new claim as the claim simply further defines Applicants' invention, and, due to its dependency from claim 10, an allowable claim, does not require an additional art search.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, and favorable reconsideration is requested.

If Applicants have not accounted for any fees required by this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If Applicants have not accounted for a required extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, that extension is requested and the corresponding fee should be charged to our Deposit Account.

Examiner Fiorilla is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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